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1. THE DRAFT FRAME OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATO FORCE PLANNING
DATA BASE REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT INITIATIVE TO FORMALIZE
THE ROLE OF THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE AS THE ALLI-
ANCE'S CENTRAL INFORMATION SOURCE FOR NATO AND WARSAW PACT
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FORCES.

2. RECOMMEND A NEW PARAGRAPH BE ADDED AT END OF PART IV, PAGE 2, AS FOLLOWS: QTE THE GROUP ON FORCE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS (FDMA) WILL ASSIST THE HEAD, SYSTEMS ANALYSIS SECTION, IN A DATA MANAGEMENT ADVISORY CAPACITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DRC(FDMA)N(75)1. END QTE. RATIONALE: THIS FORMALIZES THE ROLE OF THE FDMA GROUP AS PART OF THE NFPDB MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

3. RECOMMEND THAT PART VI, PAGE 4, SECOND PARAGRAPH, LINES 1-9, BE DELETED AND FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED: QTE: ALL NATIONAL AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDER REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION HELD IN THE NFPDB, FOR ALTERATIONS IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE DATA BASE OR IN THE INFORMATION CATEGORIES STORED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DRC. THE HEAD, SAS, WILL EXAMINE ALL REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND PRACTICABILITY AND WILL ADVISE NATIONAL MISSIONS AND/OR NATO MILITARY COMMAND LIAISON OFFICES OF HIS RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO FORWARDING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DRC. IN ALL SUCH REQUESTS...END QTE. RATIONALE: (1) THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE DRC IS AWARE OF ALL DATA REQUESTS AND THE PRACTICABILITY OF SATISFYING THE REQUESTS, AND (2) THIS WILL ALLOW NATIONAL MISSIONS AND/OR NATO MILITARY COMMANDS LIAISON OFFICES TO WORK OUT ANY DIFFICULTIES PRIOR TO THE REQUEST BEING APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED IN THE DRC.

4. RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO PART VI, PAGE 4, AS FOLLOWS: QTE: THOUGH THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE MUST BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE MEMBER NATIONS INVOLVED THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DRC, IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT UPON REQUEST, DATA SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RELEASED TO MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND NATO PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS. END QTE RATIONALE: THE NFPDB WILL BE OF LIMITED VALUE IF ITS FUNCTION IS SO SEVERELY CONSTRAINED THAT THESE COMMANDERS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ITS CONTENT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

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